

**Method for cleaning or washing articles of clothing or the like**

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**Abstract**

A method is described for cleaning or washing articles of clothing, household textiles, carpets or the like, these being treated in a cleaning or washing medium in order to remove stains, if appropriate under the influence of a mechanical action. The cleaning or washing medium used here is a supercritical fluid.

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A method is described for cleaning or washing articles of clothing, household textiles, carpets or the like, these items being treated in a cleaning or washing medium, optionally with the use of mechanical action, in order to remove stains, wherein the cleaning or washing medium used is a supercritical fluid, and that the cleaning or washing is performed at a temperature between approximately 20 °C and approximately 240 °C and/or at a pressure between approximately  $74 \cdot 10^5$  Pa and approximately  $400 \cdot 10^5$  Pa.